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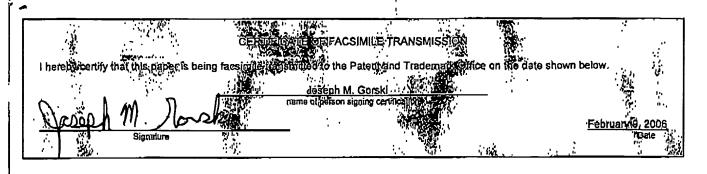
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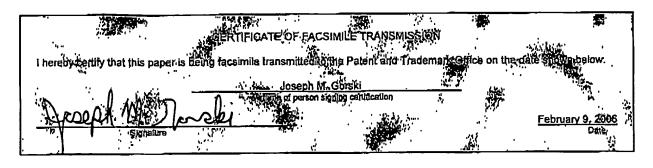
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- 2. Petition for Withdrawal from Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313(c) (1 page)
- 3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page)
- 4. Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages)
- 5. Form PTO-1449 (1 page)
- 6. JP 60-5181 Y2 with partial English translation (6 pages)
- 7. JP 48-20669 Y1 with partial English translation (5 pages)

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